

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2829 Examiner: Lisa A. Kilday

RESPONSE TO

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Tetsuo USAMI

Serial No.: 10/697,335

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

> SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING METAL ALLOY INTERCONNECTION THAT HAS EXCELLENT EM LIFETIME

Atty Ref.: **OHG 137**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated June 16, 2004, Applicant elects the invention of the Species I, i.e., the subject matter of claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13-16, for further examination. The election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

July 9, 2004 Date

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